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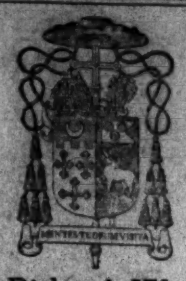


The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear flock:

In this column your Bishop will hold a friendly chat with you as often as you receive his paper. It will be his method of paying your home a weekly visit. He will always have something interesting to talk about and, therefore, hopes that his visit and his friendly chat will always be received with a welcome by you.

In this first visit he wishes to bring you the greetings of the season, to wish everyone in your home a most happy New Year with all that such a wish entails. He wishes the blessing of God on your family as a whole and on each member of it; he wishes that you be spared sickness and sorrow, and that if either is already your portion, you may by your resignation and God's blessing, be made happy through it; he wishes you a larger measure of prosperity than you enjoyed last year; he wishes that your bank account in Heaven may grow some every day, so that it will be truly and eternally profitable for you to live long.

Next, the Bishop wishes to thank you for your subscription to this paper, which will make possible this visit to your home fifty-two times during the current year. You pay 15c or 20c the week for the secular paper, and only 2c a week for this paper; but please do not on that account underestimate its value. If OUR SUNDAY VISITOR is the cheapest paper in the world, it claims also to be one of the very best, and those who write or prepare the reading matter which appears in it are actuated by the one thought of doing you good. The paper is not published, like other papers, for profit; it is not published in the interest of any political party, like many of the dailies are; its editorial policy cannot be dictated by special interests as is the case with secular papers.

The primary purpose of our own Diocesan paper will be:

(1) To acquaint you with important Catholic happenings of the week over the entire world;

(2) To give you instruction in that popular form which makes it both very intelligible and interesting;

(3) To furnish you with the answer to charges made against the Church, and often called to your attention by your neighbors or fellow-workmen;

(4) To point out the falsity and unsound philosophy of many things which you read about in secular papers and magazines;

(5) To prepare you for the proper observance of the Church's feasts and festivals.

You will readily recognize that these are lofty aims and purposes; but no matter how much the editors of the paper may propose to do for you, it will bear little fruit unless you and every member of your family will be a regular and attentive reader. You manage to read the eight or sixteen pages of the secular paper that comes to you every day; then surely you can read, during the course of a whole week, every word in our eight-page paper.

Lastly, on this first visit your Bishop wishes to thank you for your offering contributed to the Orphan Collection on Christmas. There are four orphan asylums in the Diocese of Fort Wayne to take care of Catholic children of all nationalities, and, as you know, the buildings which house them, the food which is fed to them, the fuel which warms them, the Sisters and priests who serve them, must all be supported by the charity of the Catholic people of this Diocese.

Parents who have no little children of their own should be very generous to the orphans; other parents should do something for them every year cheerfully as an expression of thanksgiving to God that their own children have not been orphaned.

Now, please, dear charges of mine, give the mailman the same welcome when he brings you this paper every week that you give him when he brings you a letter from a dear friend. Your Bishop wishes to be just that to you. He will be as frank in expressing himself for your benefit as would the physician or lawyer who might be retained to do you a special service for pay.

The Holy Father has expressed a wish that all pastors concern themselves about the non-Catholics who live within their parish boundary lines. The pastor can do very little to help these people directly, but he might do a great deal through you, who are in daily contact with some of them. One of the ways of helping them is to let them read your Catholic paper or to subscribe for the four-page edition of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR for them. We have even a monthly edition of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR which is intended for non-Catholics, and which will be supplied and mailed to their houses twelve times the year for 20c. Start the new year by letting the light of your Faith shine favorably on others.

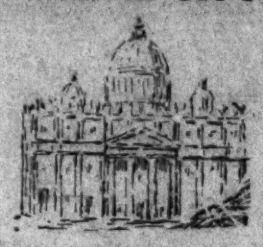
I shall be back at your home one week from today and hope that you will have time to listen to the message I shall have to bring to you.

May God's grace sustain you during the coming week and His peace flood your heart.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

+ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

DISPATCHES FROM THE ETERNAL CITY



Eucharistic Congress Standing Committee Has Session in Rome

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Rome, Dec. 23.—The general meeting of the Permanent Committee on Eucharistic Congresses met this year in Rome, on account of the Holy Year, instead of in Paris as in other years. His Eminence, Cardinal Vanutelli, Dean of the Sacred College, presided. The venerable cardinal, who is now in his ninetieth year, is honorary president and Cardinal Protector of the Committee.

About thirty members of the Committee attended the meeting, at which important decisions were reached in regard to the coming Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, and also the Congress scheduled for the year 1928, which is to be held in Sydney, Australia.

After the meeting, Bishop Heylen, of Namur, presented the members of the Committee to the Holy Father, who received them in audience in the Hall of the Tronetto. In a fatherly address Pope Pius thanked the members of the Committee for the great work they are accomplishing.

Twelve American Priests Ordained In St. John Lateran

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Rome, Dec. 21.—Twelve American priests, students in the North American College here, were ordained Saturday in the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Cardinal Pompili was the ordaining prelate.

Those ordained at this ceremony were: The Rev. Joseph Lux of Joliet; the Rev. Peter Cameroon of Chicago; the Rev. Jules Daigle of Lafayette; the Rev. George Flanagan of Nashville; the Rev. Francis Keegan of Boston; the Rev. Howard Stepston of San Francisco; the Rev. Charles Falk of Los Angeles; the Rev. Daniel Markham of Albany; the Rev. James Culleton of Fresno; the Rev. Eugene Lorenz of Dubuque; the Rev. James Hebblen of Toledo, and the Rev. Vincent Naes of St. Louis.

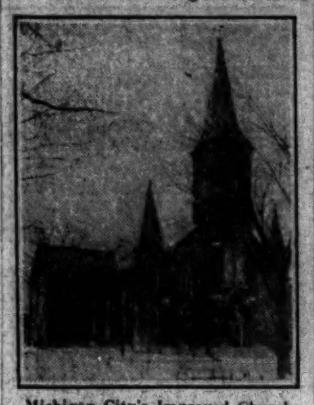
GARY PASTOR AT CEREMONIES.

Among the American clergy present at the ceremonies of the closing of the Holy Door, at which the Pope pontificated on Christmas Eve, was the Rev. Thomas Jansen, pastor of Holy Angels church, Gary, Ind. Fr. Jansen will shortly return from the protracted European trip made possible by the gifts of his parishioners on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his ordination.

DEDICATION AT MICHIGAN CITY

Cathedral is Splendidly Redecorated

The dedication of the remodeled and enlarged St. Mary's church-building took place Sunday, January 3rd. The services commenced promptly at 10 o'clock. The Right Reverend



Michigan City's Improved Church

Bishop, together with the visiting and local clergy were escorted from the parish house to the church by members of the Holy Name Society.

The dedication ceremony was followed by a Solemn High Mass coram Episco. Rev. A. E. Ellering, Pastor Emeritus, was celebrant of the Mass, Rev. Joachim Ryder of Lowell was deacon and Rev. Fred Rothermel of Reynolds was subdeacon. Rev. Charles Girardot acted as master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Bolka and Rev. Joseph Seimetz of Chesterton were deacons at the throne. Many of the neighboring clergy attended. The Right Reverend Bishop preached the sermon.

The remodeling together with new furnishings entailed an expense of $75,000. New pews, confessionals and chandeliers were installed. The altars, pulpit, etc., were redecorated. The seating capacity of the church is now 950. A beautiful marble and tile floor has been laid in the sanctuary. Fourteen new windows from the Zettler studios in Munich will be installed sometime during the present month. These windows were all donated by parishioners.

Fort Wayne now possesses one of the most beautiful Cathedral interiors on the North American continent. The work, completed for Christmas Midnight Mass was placed in the hands of a firm of New York artists and interior decorators several months ago. Since that time, the interior of the Cathedral has been a mass of scaffolding and lumber; and when the last of it was removed the new decorations revealed a vista of rare beauty. The calm, restful effect produced, disposes to prayer and devotion.

Fourteen hundred attending the pontifical midnight Mass celebrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop John F. Noll, D. D., on Christmas at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, viewed with admiration the newly-decorated and effectively-lighted church. For the past two months under the direction of Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector, the renovation of the sacred edi-

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Generous Offering For Orphans.

Incomplete reports from the Chancery office indicate that the annual collection for the Orphans of the diocese will exceed the sum given last year.

City of Fort Wayne.	
Cathedral	$2580.00
St. Andrew's	286.00
Precious Blood	437.90
St. Hyacinth's	83.40
St. Joseph's	115.15
St. Mary's	1008.03
St. Patrick's	1902.30
St. Paul's	453.00
St. Peter's	754.11

The Polish Archbishop Wires Appreciation

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 24, 1925
Rt. Rev. Bp. John F. Noll,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Most hearty felicitations for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Archbishop Cieplak.

Bishop Noll received the above telegram on Christmas from the Most Rev. J. Cieplak, who spent Christmas at Buffalo. The Venerable Archbishop is making an excellent impression in this country on all with whom he comes in contact. He is a very learned as well as a very religious man. He speaks a numberof languages and understands English. Since his arrival in this country he has been appointed Archbishop of Vilna, Poland, and he has extended a gracious invitation to Bishop Noll to visit him in his own country.

We hope that, having lost the martyr's crown which he was so willing to receive, he will not have a lesser reward in Heaven because of having been permitted to live.

The Bishop also received the following telegram from the Archbishop's Secretary while he is in this country:

Passaic, N. J., Dec. 24, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Noll,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

I will long remember your Lordship's kindness. Please accept my sincerest greetings of the season.

STANISLAUS KRUCZEK,
Pastor Holy Rosary Church
Temporary Secretary to
Archbishop Cieplak.

TO STIMULATE STUDY.

In order to stimulate hard study among the boys and girls who will finish the grammar grades next June, the Rt. Rev. Bishop has offered a first year **High School Scholarship** to the boy and girl in all the Fort Wayne parochial schools who will obtain the highest marks in their studies. In other words, the Bishop will pay the tuition at the Central Catholic High School for boys, and at any Catholic High School for girls in the city during the first year of the Academic Course.

Mr. Walter Riley of East Chicago and Indiana Harbor has agreed to do the same thing for the seven parishes in that city.

Who Will Do It In Other Places?

Catholic parents are to be congratulated on the opportunity they have to send their children to a Catholic High School. The daily papers have been carrying first page notice of the very unsatisfactory social and moral conditions in public high schools.

News Within the Domain of the Stars and Stripes

Dr. Kerby Reappointed By President Member of Board of Charities

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Coolidge's appointment of the Rev. Dr. W. J. Kerby, Professor of Sociology, America, to be a member of the Board of Charities of the District of Columbia, has been confirmed by the Senate.

Dr. Kerby has been a member of the Board since 1920, when he was appointed by the late President Wilson. President Harding re-nominated him to succeed himself and President Coolidge has again honored him with another re-appointment. The Board of Charities has jurisdiction over penal, charitable, correctional and similar institutions in the District of Columbia, which receive financial aid from the Federal Government.

Detroit Catholics Get Papal Honors As Christmas Gift

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Detroit, Dec. 26—The medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, conferred by the Holy Father was the gift Christmas brought to fourteen laymen and two women of the Detroit diocese. The number is one of the largest to be conferred in one diocese at one time. Bishop Gallagher withheld announcement of the honors so that they might come as Christmas gifts.

Within the last seven years the Diocese of Detroit has waged two great campaigns to defend the right of Catholics to have parochial schools, has raised more than nine million dollars for the education of priests and built a great seminary, has established 55 new parishes and has built many churches and schools. It was in recognition of the laity's loyal support of these projects that the Holy Father granted the honors, at Bishop Gallagher's suggestion.

Those to receive the medal are James F. Murphy, William P. Bradley, Bartholomew A. Seymour, Dennis B. Hayes, Henry A. T. Andries, William J. Kennedy, James Fitzgerald, Anthony Bodde, Joseph P. Glasser, Jeremiah J. O'Connor, Thomas P. Phillips, Edward J. Walker, Anthony J. Beck, Mrs. Mary Trombly and Mrs. Rosemary Trombly Roney of Detroit and Patrick H. Scully of Ann Arbor.

Kansas Judge Issues Lasting Injunction Against Klan Parades

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Holton, Kans., Dec. 24—Judge M. A Bender here has granted a permanent injunction prohibiting parades of the Ku Klux Klan in regalia. The ban is state-wide in scope.

ST. EDWARD'S FOOTBALL MEN HONOR STUDENTS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Austin, Texas, Dec. 26—Five of the men who have just been awarded letters in football at St. Edward's University here are honor students, with scholastic averages of 85 or more, and one missed the coveted mark by two tenths of a point. Only two of the men were near the border line of 70, the passing grade, which is ten points higher than in most Texas schools. The grand average made by all the letter men was 80.23.

Marvin Durrenberger, end, who was chosen on an All-Texas eleven, was elected captain of the eleven for 1926 at a meeting of letter men. He is from Elgin, Ill.

Msgr. J. P. Sinnott, Philadelphia Rector 38 Years, Dies at 77

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Philadelphia, Pa.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James P. Sinnott, uncle of Bishop John B. MacGinley of the Monterey-Fresno diocese, and for 38 years rector of St. Charles Borromeo's church here, died Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital at the age of 77. He had been in ill health for a long time.

Monsignor Sinnott was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and attended a seminary there, and later the American College at Rome. He was ordained in 1876, and shortly afterward came to the United States, where he became assistant at the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Philadelphia. In 1887 he was made rector of St Charles Borromeo's, and in 1901, when he celebrated his silver jubilee as a priest, was named irremovable rector. He was made a domestic prelate in 1910. Two of Monsignor Sinnott's sisters became Sacred Heart Sisters and one joined the Visitation Order. Two other nephews besides Bishop MacGinley also are priests. They are the Very Rev. Jas. MacGinley of Ireland, formerly a dean at Maynooth College, and the Rev. Dr. Leo P. MacGinley of the Overbrook Seminary.

Bishop MacGinley, upon hearing of the death of Monsignor Sinnott, immediately started across the continent for Philadelphia. He will pontificate at the solemn Requiem Mass Monday.

CATHOLIC EVENTS FROM EVERYWHERE

THREE EX-ANGLICAN CLERGYMEN JOIN THE PRIESTHOOD

Cardinal Bourne Officiates at Two of the Ordinations— Father Knox Predicts Anglican Landslide to Catholicism.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, Dec. 21.—Three ex-Anglican clergymen were ordained priests here this week, one of them, the Rev. J. Dale, at the age of 75. Two of the ordinations were at the Oratory, with Cardinal Bourne officiating, and the other was at Downside Abbey by the Bishop of Clifton.

The three new convert priests are: The Rev. J. Dale, age 75, an Anglican clergyman who has been living more or less in retirement. His wife died some years ago. For some time he has been studying at St. Charles's House of Studies, Hatfield, an institution which receives convert clergymen after their reception when they have thoughts of going on for the priesthood.

The Rev. Ernest Edmund Kilburn, formerly vicar of St. Saviour's, Hoxton, and for two years during the World War chaplain on a hospital ship. He was received into the Church in 1922 and in the following year entered the novitiate of the Congregation of the Oratory. Cardinal Bourne ordained Fathers Dale and Kilburn.

Dom Fabian Pole, ordained at Downside Abbey by the Bishop of Clifton, is now a member of the Benedictine community there. He belonged formerly to the Anglican community of St. Andrew at Plaistow, and he is the second member of that community to join the Benedictines at Downside.

When Father Kilburn celebrated his first Mass this week at the Oratory his server was the Rev. Antony Holland who was formerly his curate at Hoxton and who is now studying for the priesthood. Later in the day Mr. Holland himself received the first two minor orders.

At the Oratory on Sunday evening another ex-Anglican clergyman, the Rev. J. E. L. Woodruff, Cong. Orat., preached on the vitality and reality of the true priesthood.

In the North of England, too, this week, convert Anglican clergy have been to the fore. Father Ronald Knox, the convert son of a former Anglican Bishop of Manchester, made an appeal at St. George's Hall, Liverpool, on behalf of the Converts' Aid Society which exists to give assistance to Anglicans who sacrifice worldly position to follow their consciences.

Father Knox predicted that the next ten or twenty years would see something in the nature of a landslide from High Anglicanism to the Catholic Church.

He replied to his Anglican critics who had told him that his intellectual friends in the Catholic Church would not satisfy him. His retort was, "There is nothing in the Church of England which approaches the position of a priest in the Catholic Church.

"I can never be sufficiently grateful," he said, "for the welcome given to me by Catholics since my reception."

Bishop-Count Named To Care for Russians Is of Irish Descent

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin.—Bishop Count Edouard O'Rourke has been asked by the Pope to undertake the care of the Russian emigrant children in Danzig and the neighboring German provinces. Their condition is known to be deplorable. Catholic convents and schools are welcoming the little ones. But as the resources of these stitutions are now strained to the uttermost, the Holy Father has called upon the organizing capacity of Bishop O'Rourke.

The prelate is of historic Irish origin, being descended from one of the Irish leaders who departed from Ireland after the Battle of the Boyne and took military service with France. The Bishop's title of Count is explained by the fact that his grandfather was a general in the Russian Army and was ennobled for distinguished achievements.

Much Catholic reorganization has been effected by the Count in his capacity as Apostolic Administrator of Danzig.

Monsignor Baudrillart Made Assistant to Pontifical Throne

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Dec. 24.—Msgr. Baudrillart, Rector of the Catholic Institute of Paris, has been appointed by Pope Pius Assistant to the Pontifical Throne. This appointment was announced to the eminent prelate in a Brief containing words of high praise regarding the manner in which he has directed the Catholic Institute of Paris, particularly in doctrinal matters.

CARDINAL MERCIER ILL.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Brussels, Dec. 24.—Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium and noted figure of the World War, is suffering from grippe and his physicians have prescribed a complete rest, although they deny that his condition is critical.

The Cardinal's illness interfered with plans for his attendance at the presentation of the Golden Rose sent by the Pope to the Queen of the Belgians.

Only German Living Officer of Papal Army Is Honored

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine

(Cologne Correspondent N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cologne, Dec. 21.—Aix-la-Chapelle has just done honor to its oldest citizen, who also enjoys a greater distinction, that of being the only German living who was an officer in the old Papal Army. He is Captain Conrad Suessmaier, and the occasion on which the city paid its tribute to him was the celebration of his ninety-seventh birthday.

Born at Munich, Mr. Suessmaier joined the Papal Army early in life and was for 17 years an officer in the Foreign Carbineers Regiment, which had garrisons at Viterbi and Rome.

When the Garibaldians invaded Rome he was captain of the Fourth company of the regiment, and participated in the defense of Rome. Previously, he had fought in the Battle of Mentana with such valor that Pope Pius XI awarded him a decoration. After the fall of Rome he received the order Pro Patria Scele.

Captain Suessmaier has resided in Aix-la-Chapelle for many years. The distinction he enjoys is well known, and brought a particularly warm celebration of his birthday anniversary by the Catholics of the city.

Mainz Cathedral Said To Be In Danger.

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine

(Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cologne, Dec. 21.—Imminent danger of the loss of one of Germany's medieval Catholic shrines, the Mainz Cathedral, again has been called to the attention of the country through a conference which has just been held to discuss its restoration. At the conclusion of the conference, Bishop Hugo of Mainz, in conjunction with the Chapter of the Cathedral, issued a manifesto urging that the condition of the historic basilica be made known to the world that all lovers of art and the monuments of religion might assist in its preservation.

Papers in the Rhineland and Hesse, both Catholic and non-Catholic, have printed declarations that not only those areas but all Germany must help to save this edifice, which they characterize as a document and monument of German art and culture. They add that the interest of the whole civilized world should be enlisted.

Rotting of the pilings on which the cathedral is built has caused it to sink, and parts of it are now in danger of collapsing.

French Sacristan of Long Line Dead

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Dec. 24.—Great crowds attended the funeral of Andre Darfeuille, for many years sacristan at Peyrat-le-Chateau. Not only had his record as a sacristan been one of unusual faithfulness, but he enjoyed the unique distinction of coming from a family which has given to the church of Peyrat an uninterrupted line of sacristans for a period of two hundred and forty-four years.

"Father Andre," as he was known, was worthy of this great tradition. A man of exemplorary faith and conduct, he was a model of sacristans. A blacksmith by profession, and father of seven children, he devoted his time to keeping in repair the tools, farming implements, etc., of the locality, and despite the economic upheaval occasioned by the war, he never raised his prices.

President Masaryk Gives 1000,000 Crowns to Prague Cathedral

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Prague, Dec. 22.—President Masaryk has made a donation of 100,000 crowns (Czech) to the President of the Union for the completion of the Cathedral.

The Prague Cathedral, begun by Charles IV; "Father of the Nation", has never been finished. The Committee is making every effort to raise funds to permit its completion in time for the celebration of the thousandth anniversary of Saint Wenceslaus, in 1929, and it is felt that the donation of the President of the Republic will be an inspiration to the faithful to aid in carrying out this plan.